ART ON THE TABLE

Louis Sherry Tells of the Resources of the Caterer.

SOME COSTLY AMUSEMENTS

How a Mansion Was Hired for Twenty-Four Hours and Sumptuously Furnished for Recrotions.

"You can have anything in the wor. that you want, if you are willing to pay

That is the rule that governs nearly every fushionable catering establishment. You can order a dinner for one, or a dinner for a bundred. You can have cake and ices, or you can have terrapin and enpushpeles. You can have a full brass band, or a string orchestra, or only a harpist. You can have some one to play the custinets or you can have Emma Eames or Paderewaki. You can have snything and everything you want-if you are willing

With this grand choice in the selection of entertainments it is no wonder that the fashiounble woman hesitates when she attempts to decide how she will entertain her guests. And so it happens that in nine cases out of ten the caterer is told to plan the entertainment, provide the music, look after the floral decorations and even inform the hosters about the number of guests that can be nicely accommodated at the en-The cateror thus has full sway, and ful! responsibility, also. If all things go right he is landed to the skies and his bill is generally pronounced far too small. If things go wrong or if there is a hitch anywhere the enterer is blamed. His bill is grudgingly paid and patremage is withdrawn.

He must even so plan things that the guests neither weary at the length of a linger nor chafe because the entertainment is the same as was provided else where. For the time being he must be all things to all people. And wee to him and to his business if as much as one flower be withered or a strain of music strike into discord.

To accord with the peculiar tastes of the season the fushionable caterer has cut down the fashionable dinner until it is only nine courses long. It lasts only an hour and a half. Many dinners are by special request only seven courses long and just an hour is occu pied in serving them. The correct hour for dinner is eight o'clock-neither earlier nor later. Following the custom of some English houses a few New York hostesses have made the ceremony of entering the dining-room a very simple one, instead of being stately and ceremonious. The hostess herself leads the way, followed by the ladies of the party. Then come the gentlemen, followed by the host, who comes last. The hostess herself indicates the places at the table, and all is done in a delightfully simple and unassuming way.

Very large dianers are as much liked this season as they were disliked half a dozen seasons ago. It is not unusual now to serve a dinner for sixty or seventy people and to remove the tables afterward so that there can be dancing. These dinner dances are very popular, and lost year I served a series of four of them at the homes of some of the most elegantly fashionable women in New York.

The cost of such a dinner varies greatly. For as low as \$10 or \$12 a cover a very acceptable dinner, with wine and pretty decorations, can be arranged. The series of dinners of which I speak cost \$75 a cover. This sum included music, flowers, favors and decorations of all kinds.

Danally the question is not "How much will it cost?" but "How nice can you make it?" I must constantly devise something which shall be entirely new and pretty enough to excite even the blase admiration of those who dine and wine on the costlicat and handsomest tables in the world.

Color dinners are very popular. The flowers which are used in the decoration of the table must correspond to the color which is chosen as the prevailing hue of the dinner, and thus the esterer is obliged to conform in color to the flowers of the season.

At this time of the year violet dinners. mauve dinners, yellow dinners, pink dinners and red dinners are all popular. Perhaps more popular than any of them is the green dinner, because at this senson the green of the holly and the mistletoe gives an especially beautiful effect to the dining table.

At these color dinners everything is made to correspond. The favors match the florers. The dishes match the favore. The unperv. so far as practicabie, materies the dishes, and all unite to make one burmenloss whole.

If a pink dinner is called for this time of the year, pink roses are chosen to decorate the table. If riolet or mauve dinners are wanted violets are used. For yellow dinners, yellow chrysanthe munts and yellow roses are selected, and for red directs red roses and the red berries of the holly and bittersweet are

Children's parties are very elegant atfairs. They are "from four to seven" in the afternoon and are in every way conducted like the parties of grown up people. For the supper, however, very slorple things are served. Tiny patties, simple salads, plain cakes, coaxed into prottiness with colored icing, ice creams and plenty of boulous comprise the cu-

It offers impreces that people who desire to give an nutertainment at home are ausbia to do so for lack of proper spice. And then a point is reached select the call art of the naturer comes in. By some means and in some way he must make it possible for the would be heaters to give just such an entera public hall or in any way going against her wishes regarding publicity. A case of this kind was brought to me

lest sammer. A women who was keeplog house in a dainty little sportment Boose desired to entertain a large company of people at the wedding reception of her daughter, who was to be macried the following week. To invite more than thirty people into the biling apartment was proposterous, for the Hittle parker was scarcely bigger than a telesa tere recoption room. The dining room was a tiny cision in blue china and gold, so small that waiters and guests would be mixed up with each other in horeless confusion. And after

provided for the entertainment. The lady was greatly opposed to giving a reception in a public-hall. Suddenly an

idea occurred to me, and I said: Madam, would you not like to have the use of that large and elegant mansion which stands vacuut next door to you for this occasion? I can furnish it completely, and will so arrange everyng that it will seem on the evening of the reception just as if you really

The idea pleased her immensely, and I accordingly set to work upon my preparations. I found I could hire the mansion for one day; and after consuiting upholsterers and furniture dealers I learned that between sunrise and sunset of the eventful day the mansion, nense though it was, could be compictely furnished.

When the day arrived I must confess tertainment, for the undertaking was caramels every noon. really a stupendous one. But by seven o'clock at night all was complete, and as I looked it over 1 smiled happily at the result. The floors, which were of good material, had been highly offed and very rich and heavy rugs had been plentifully placed upon them. The windows were hung with handsome curtains. The walls were covered with portieres and pletures, while the mantel shelves and cabinets were plentifuladorned with bric-a-brac. Very artistic and very antique bits of fur-niture were scattered about the house, and there were couches and folding beds and all things to indicate that a family might be living there. In the ladies' dressing-rooms were ladies' maids, whom I had sent up from my own establishment, and on the dressing tables was as bountiful a supply of combs and brushes and toilet bric-abrue as the soul of any woman could desire. Nothing was missing, from a pair of curling tongs to a powder rag. Rouge cups were plentiful, and it was remarked afterward by the hostess that never had she seen such thorough-

ly-equipped dressing-rooms. How much did all this cost? It cost \$1,000. But there was \$1,500 worth of furniture in the house, and the number of people employed during the twentyfour hours was almost beyond belief.

A short time ago I did a similar thing for a young married couple. They were living in a little flat and they wished to give a grand entertainment. By leasing the apartment next to them for one day and furnishing it, a great deal of space was added to the already available room, and everything passed off beautifully. Probably to this day the friends of that young couple are denouncing them for their extravagance in occupying a fourteen-room flat, when in reality they are living in one which is less that half that number of rooms.

I am frequently asked what is the smallest apartment in which I can give a dinner, and I always reply that one room is sufficient. By putting screens along one side of the room I shut out my preparations from the guests, while, with the use of chafing dishes, I serve the entire dinner from behind the screen as faultlessly as though I had a kitchen and a butler's pantry from which to draw.

Very funny things are sometimes done when people wish to give an en-tertainment. If a woman comes to me "Mr. Sherry, I wish to give a dinner

to twenty people and my house is small.

but you must let me have my own way with your house."

Then I visit her house, look it over and plan things like a general before a battle. If I see that her dining table s insufficient, her cook stove faulty and her chairs are not suitable for a dinner,

"Can you let me have the entire use of your house on the afternoon of the dinner? You may reserve dressing rooms for yourself and guests, but I beg that you will allow me to take possession of the rest of the house."

If she is a sensible woman she gives way to my judgment and lets me have full swing. On the day of the dinner I send a truck to the house and order all furniture removed and put into the truck. Out go the offensive diningroom chairs, the insufficient table, the bric-e-brac, the lamps that are in the way, the reception room furniture and everything not actually needed for the dinner. Nothing is left as it was except the parlor and dressing rooms. I then put small dining-tables in the dining-room and reception-room, place sultable chairs at them, set up a huge gas stove in the kitchen and then I am ready to give a dinner. After the dinner is over the guests drift into the parlor, and in less than an bour and sometimes in half an hour I have the diningtables removed and all things set back just as they were before. The hostess can throw open her doors and have dancing or whatever she pleases, while her guests marvel at the quickness and quietness with which her household

As I said in the beginning, you can have anything and everything you want if you are willing to pay for it. LOUIS SHERRY.

IT PUZZLES THE NATURALISTS. No One Knows Exactly Why Manx Cats

Are Born Whhoat Tails. The peculiar breed of cats found in the isle of Man differs from others only in that they have no tails, and the lack thereof is the insoluble puzzle to maturalists. Since it has become the fashion to explain everything by the principles of evolution, two theories have been offered-one, that owing to the emited range and lack of dense forests the original cats had no use for tails, and consequently (the tails, not the cats) gradually atrophied for lack of use and became rudimentary; another, that the primitive Many cut off all their cats' tails and in the course of time developed a tailless breed. One thing is certain, the cats are there and they have

no tails. The highbred Chinese cat is a splendid | company of ladies." proof of what may be done by kindness and culture. If you were to repeat to a well-to-do but untraveled Chinaman the current saying with us that cats are soldsh creatures, uttorly devoid of affection, he would be very much astonished, and, if the owner of a thoroughbred, probably indignant. The Chinese cat | field of battle is not noticeable, and the appears capable of intense attachment | day has often been lost within a short to one person, and ages of selection and distance of the reserves of the defeated careful breeding have the species up to army, which were waiting for the a bigh standard. The Chinese claim | sound of artillary to call them to the that one of these cate and any cat to some extent-is a valuable clock. In the morning the pupil of its eye is a sre heard more clearly and farther than This wine is especially recommended broad band, it contracts regularly till in the daytime. In forry weather for its health restoring and building up

so when a Chinaman wants to know the time of day he picks up his cat and EXPERT TESTIMONY

THEIR SWEETMEATS.

The Sort of Caudy Used on Different Oc-

casions by Different People "Yes, I've got every opportunity to study human nature," said a candy dealer to a Beston Journal reporter the other day; "fully as great an opportunity as the reporter, the policeman or the car conductor.

"For instance," he continued, "people never buy opera caramels to take to the theater or opera. They're soft, and would prove rainous to gloves.

"School-teachers never eat peppermists and lemon drops at the same time. They'd as soon eat lobster salad and drink milk at the same time. That reminds me of a teacher I once had that I was somewhat nervous over the en- lunched on angel cake, a tomato and

his sweetheart a dainty box of candied fruit in place of the caramels which were once all the rage. Why, even the children are changing in tastes. They ask for the best French mixture, which is about as much French as I am. I was born in South Boston.
"I know what I'm talking about," he

continued, "and could prove to you what I say. Women tipplers don't purchase 'brandy drops' because there is no brandy in 'em, and young maldens avoid caramels because it is too much trouble to take off the oiled paper."

NICKEL MADE FROM GAS.

A Plating Process That Does Away with

Electrolysis.
One of the most important results of hemical research during the past twelve months, says the Philadelphia Record, are the discoveries of Mr. Ludwig Mond, an Englishman, concerning the metallic carbonyls, and especially nickel carbonyl. The latter is a gaseous substance that burns with a bright huminous flame, metallic nickel separating and becoming incandescent. Solids heated in the presence of this gas are coat-ed with bright metallic nickel. A curious property of the metal thus deposited is that it is almost a perfect non-con-

ductor of electricity.

A plant on a small scale has been constructed by another investigator in the same field for the purpose of extracting nickel from its ores by means of car-bonic oxide, thus forming nickel carbonyl. So successful has been this plant that a large establishment will be erected soon at Birmingham to carry ant the process on a large scale. The simplicity of the method and the possibility of at once obtaining pure metallic nickel in any form are claimed to give the process admintages over the present mode of nickel plating by electrolysis. In view of the increased use of nickel steel, the discovery is believed to pos-sess exceptional value, since it furnishes a simple method of obtaining an abuntant and cheap supply of nickel.

BLINDING A SHARK.

The Remarkable Escape of a Pearl Diver

A successful diver must possess great courage and nerves of steel. Such a man, connected with a large wrecking company, was visiting the pearl fish-eries in the gulf of California. On one of his trips in quest of the pearl oyster he had a narrow escape from a fearful death. Frank Leslie's Magazine tells I say to her, "Madam, you may do so, the story. He had been instructed never to stir from the bottom until he had looked up and around. Fortunately he heeded the advice. Having filled his bag, he glanced quickly about, and caught sight of a huge shovel-nosed shark watching him. In an emergency men think fast. Near the diver was a large rock. He moved quickly to the other side of it, hoping to dodge the ferocious monster. But the maneuver did not work; the shark watched every movement, changing his position by a slight motion of his powerful tail. Time was precious, and the diver conceived the idea of blinding the shark by stirring up the mud. Under cover of that he might escape. He worked for dear life, and had the water thick with mud in less than half a minute. Slipping around the rock again he rose to the surface, having barely strength enough to reach the side of the boat, and was hauled on board just as the voracious man eater made a rush for

Disgusted Baldheads. Five elderly men, evidently strangers in the city, walked up to the box office of a down-town theater the other night and purchased the requisite number of seats" way down front, please." Just as they entered the theater-they were a trifle late and the curtain had been up fifteen minutes-the comedian was singing a topical song, one verse of which called the attention to the fact that most occupants of front seats are destitute of hirsute adornment. Every man of the five was almost as baid as a billiard ball, and the words of the song fitted them so well that the audience simply yelled. For a moment the five stood irresolute and their evident embarrasament only served to renew the shouts of laughter. The usher turned down five seats, handed the checks to one of the party, but without a word the five replaced their hats, wheeled "about face," and solemnly tramped back the aisle and out of the house while the audience yelled some more.

Before Kings, Yes: Ladies, No.

A nest example of the royal retort courteous was that on the occasion of the king's visit to Dublin in 1821. At a court held there Lord Kinsale thought fit to air his ancient hereditary privliege of remaining covered before the sovereign. George IV., whose sense of propriety was wounded by this breach of good taste on the part of the Irish peer said to him: "My hard of Kinsale, we recognize your privilege to wear your hat in the presence of your king, but it does not appear whence you deaw your authority for covering your head in the

The Air in Thunderstorms.

During a thunderstorm the air is of such varying density that thunderpeals are never heard at a distance correspending to their viole . . For the same reason the roar of camon on a seene of action. The nir at night is more homogeneous, and hence sounds same absolutely pure and well aged. because were the resemble are fully I saw meen, when it is a mere habiline, and sounds suffer financeable deflections properties, it strengthens the weak and that other numbers would have to be expands again as regularly till night. from the mist, and are soon destroyed, restores lost vitality; particularly

Doctors, Preachers, Druggists, Editors, Poets, Merchants, Teachers and Soldiers

> Tell the Same Story. Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh.

Dr. S. B. Hartman of the Surgical Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, says: For a number of years my professional duties have compelled me to be much on the road, traveling long distances by rail night and day, exposed to all kinds vicissitudes, steeping and eating different hotels continually, and inrough it all I have preserved myself fr many derangement of body resulting from catching cold. This could not have been done without Pe-ru-na. At the slightest evidence of a cold a few doses of Pe-ru-na invariably checked it. If I found myself hawking or frequently blowing my nose, instead of letting if go, as the average man would do, I always took Pe-ru-na for a few days, and at no time in my extensive travels have I been obliged to stop a day on account of my health.

The Rev. J. C. Randall, Sulphur

Springs, Texas, says: I have used Peru-na in my family first for my wife in lung trouble. She has been greatly benefitted; has passed over the winter, so far, with a great deal less trouble than for years. I have also found it of great benefit in two cases of la grippe in my family.... Eldon J. Oliver of Westborough, Ohio, writes: I have been troubled with curonic catarrh for a number of years, and could obtain nothing that would effect a permanent cure. I was advised by my druggist to try your medicines. I began to use Pe-ru-na, and am pleased to inform you that it has helped me more than any medicine I ever tried.

I heartily recommend it to all afflicted. more than any medicine I ever tricu.
I heartily reccommend it to all afflicted with catarrh. W. T. Powell, (editor and publisher "Independent,") Clarington, Monroe county, Ohio, says: "I was taken sick with bronchitis and cawas taken sick with bronchitis and cawas taken sick with bronchitis and cawas in a terrible Electric Bitters sing the same song of Electric Bitters sing the same song of purer medicine does not exist condition-could neither see nor hear scarcely—and my lungs were very badly affected, being so tight and sore I could hardly breath. I coughed almost constantly. I used three bottles of Pe-ru-na and was completely cured, and have felt better ever since than I have for years..... Mary Gordon Duffee, (the authoress and poetess), Blount Springs, Ala., writes: "It affords me springs, Ala., writes: "It affords me nuch pleasure to testify to the merits of your Pe-ru-na. I can speak in the highest terms of it—having used it with great benefit to myself—and recommend it to my friends with like results.......James M. Queen, Johnstown, W. Va., says: I have been sorely afflicted for several years. Pe-ru-na cured me. It is the

years. Pe-ru-na cured me. It is the greatest medicine in the world. Prof. Paul S. Newman, East Farmington, Polk county, Wis., says: I was taken sick last September, 1891, with a severe pain over my chest and a dreadful cough. Being under treatment for more than five months and did not seem to improve I resolved that I seem to improve, I resolved that I would put myself under the Pe-ru-na treatment. I am considered to be in per-fect health now and rid of my bronchial catarrh. Thanks to Pe-ru-na, I owe my whole health to its use. Andrew Walker, Selma, Ia., writes: I have been afflicted with catarrh of the head, nose and throat for twelve years. I tried several catarrh remedies with only temporary relief. I began taking Pe-ru-na as directed on the bottle and continued to improve as I continued to use the Pe-ru-na. I am a broken

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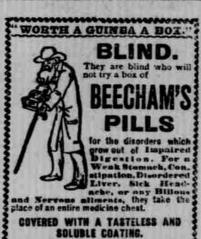
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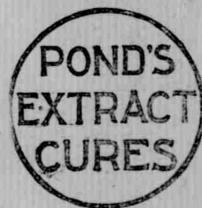
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